



CHILDREN AND FAMILIES INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION (CFIF)
SUPPORTING SOCIAL WORK IN MALAWI (SSWIM)

Dear Supporters, We hope you and your families are all staying well and safe at this time.

We are getting in touch with you now to specifically ask for your help so we can support our social worker colleagues in Malawi at this very challenging time due to the coronavirus pandemic.

We received a request at our recent Steering Group earlier this month from Felix Kakowa who is the current Chair of the Malawi Association of Social Workers to help with the provision of PPE for social workers and community workers.

We heard that the rates of infection are increasing in Malawi as are deaths. There is no lockdown in Malawi; this would not be practicable as it would lead to further poverty and potential starvation. There are very few ventilators available (possibly as few as 7 throughout the country), access to oxygen is sparse, and therefore in most cases there is little point in hospitalisation. The wearing of PPE is therefore the best form of defence for those working in the communities.

We have therefore decided to set up a fundraising campaign to support our colleagues in Malawi.

You can donate to the fund using the following link. £20 can fund up to 45 face masks being bought/ produced but every little helps. We'd appreciate you also circulating this to other friends and colleagues. https://www.gofundme.com/f/ppe-for-social-workers-in-malawi?utm_source=whatsapp&utm_medium=chat&utm_campaign=p_cf+share-flow-1

Thank you very much for anything you are able to do.

We will be in touch with our next newsletter towards the end of the year.